

Remarks

I. The Amendments

Minor changes have been made to the text of the application on page 23 to add sequence identification numbers. Attached hereto as an Appendix is a marked-up version of the text showing the changes that were made. It can be seen that, except for the sequence identification numbers, and the deletion of an extraneous nucleotide from the PCR primer of SEQ ID No. 5, the original text has not been altered.

II. Submission of Computer Readable Form of Sequence Listing

Enclosed herewith is a 3.5 inch computer diskette containing a copy of the enclosed Sequence Listing in ASCII text.

III. Statements to Comply With Sequence Listing Rules

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), Applicants' undersigned attorney hereby states the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith are the same. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g), Applicants' undersigned attorney hereby states that the Sequence Listing submitted herewith does not add new matter to the application.

Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that they have now fully complied with all Sequence Listing rules. It is therefore respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for substantive review.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (703) 905-2173.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

The specification has been amended herein to add sequence identification numbers. The changes that were made are shown below with the underlined portions indicating text that was added and the bracketed portions indicating text that was removed.

On page 23, the paragraph that starts on line 15:

fwd. primer: 5' GGT ACA AAG GGT CTT AAG 3' [C] (SEQ ID NO:5)

rev. primer: 5' GAT TTC ATG TCG CCG TTA 3' (SEQ ID NO:6)